

MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

October 2003

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

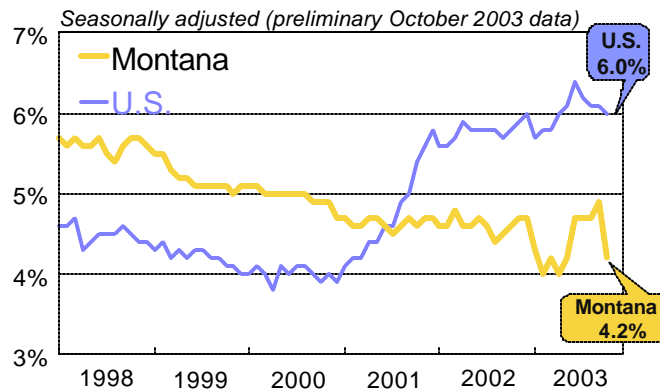
Not seasonally adjusted

	Oct. 2003*	Oct. 2002
UNITED STATES	5.6%	5.3%
MONTANA	3.8%	4.2%
Cascade **	3.8%	4.0%
Missoula **	2.8%	3.5%
Yellowstone **	3.1%	3.4%
Beaverhead	2.5%	4.5%
Big Horn	11.6%	12.9%
Blaine	4.4%	5.3%
Broadwater	4.0%	3.4%
Carbon	3.2%	3.5%
Carter	1.4%	2.8%
Chouteau	2.2%	2.3%
Custer	2.0%	2.6%
Daniels	1.3%	1.4%
Dawson	1.7%	1.9%
Deer Lodge	5.9%	5.4%
Fallon	2.1%	3.8%
Fergus	3.3%	3.8%
Flathead	5.8%	5.0%
Gallatin	2.7%	2.9%
Garfield	1.1%	1.5%
Glacier	10.3%	9.5%
Golden Valley	4.5%	2.6%
Granite	5.2%	5.5%
Hill	3.1%	4.0%
Jefferson	3.9%	4.6%
Judith Basin	2.9%	3.9%
Lake	5.4%	6.2%
Lewis & Clark	3.0%	4.0%
Liberty	1.3%	4.0%
Lincoln	11.0%	8.8%
McCone	1.2%	1.3%
Madison	2.9%	3.3%
Meagher	3.8%	3.5%
Mineral	6.9%	7.1%
Musselshell	5.9%	5.3%
Park	3.1%	3.6%
Petroleum	3.3%	3.1%
Phillips	2.9%	3.1%
Pondera	4.1%	3.8%
Powder River	1.0%	2.3%
Powell	5.2%	4.8%
Prairie	3.4%	3.0%
Ravalli	4.6%	4.9%
Richland	2.8%	4.1%
Roosevelt	7.2%	7.0%
Rosebud	5.4%	5.5%
Sanders	5.5%	6.4%
Sheridan	2.0%	1.8%
Silver Bow	4.4%	4.9%
Stillwater	2.6%	3.3%
Sweet Grass	2.2%	2.7%
Teton	2.5%	3.0%
Toole	2.2%	2.5%
Treasure	1.8%	2.3%
Valley	2.7%	2.5%
Wheatland	2.9%	3.7%
Wibaux	2.0%	2.3%

*October 2003 rate preliminary
 ** Cascade=Great Falls MSA
 Missoula=Missoula MSA
 Yellowstone=Billings MSA

OCTOBER 2003 HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment



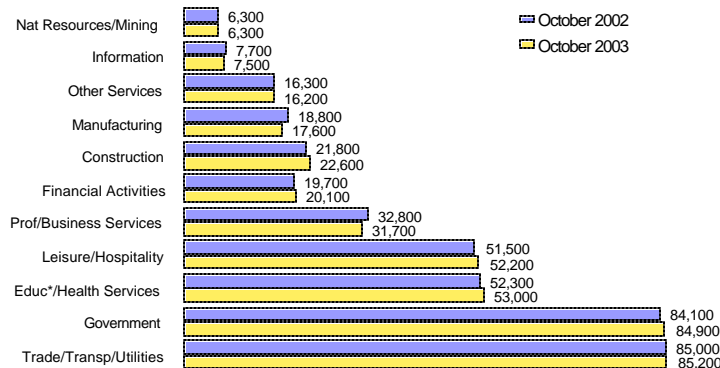
Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be lower than the U.S. rate. The state's October unemployment rate of 4.2 percent was 1.8 percentage points lower than the nation's.

Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 4.4 percent over the year for October, outpacing the 2.0 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



*Private educational services. (Public education is included in the government sector.)

Montana's seasonally-adjusted, nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 1,000 jobs (0.3 percent) over the year for October. The largest over-the-year gains were in construction, government, leisure & hospitality, private education & health services and financial activities.

CENSUS 2000

Who makes up Montana's current generations?

This month we're highlighting the WW II generation, which includes people born roughly between 1909 and 1929; around the ages of 70 to 90 years old in 2000.

Census 2000 information shows out of the 902,195 people living in Montana, 84,434 were in the WW II generation, or 9% of Montana's total population. In the WW II generation, 36,136 people were male; 48,298 were female. That makes the WW II generation 43% male and 57% female. This 14% difference is due to females generally living longer than males.

The chart below shows the counties in Montana with the highest percent of WW II generation people (15% and above). Find more Census information at:

<http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us>

County	Number of Residents	Number of WW II	Percent of WW II
Daniels	2,017	356	18%
Prairie	1,199	219	18%
Sheridan	4,105	701	17%
Wibaux	1,068	161	15%

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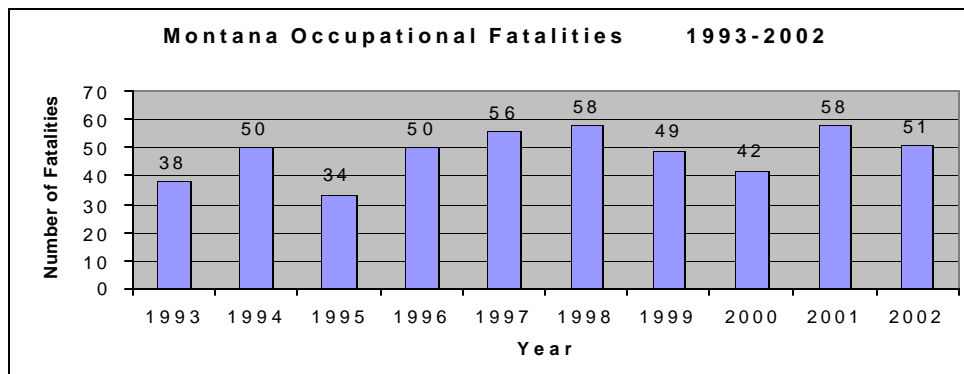
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MONTANA'S WORKPLACE DEATHS DECREASE OVER THE YEAR



Top Industries with Most Fatalities

- ♦ Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Industry 27.5% (14)
- ♦ Transportation and Public Utilities Industry 19.6% (10)
- ♦ Retail Trade 13.7% (7)
- ♦ Services and Construction Industries 11.8% each (6)
- ♦ Manufacturing 7.8% (4)

Top Four Fatal Occupational Injuries By Cause

- ♦ Transportation Accidents 56.9% (29)
- ♦ Contacts with Objects 15.7% (8)
- ♦ Falls 11.8% (6)
- ♦ Assaults and Violent Acts 7.8% (4)

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